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Mr. G. Clemens &

Pendleton S.C.

San Francisco

9 May 1846.

CC26.

My dear Clemens.

I was most happy in having your
news through your letter of 22 March, which
was sometimes in reaching me: and was
glad to find you in the land of the living.

I have placed the investigation of the
affairs of Mr Calhoun in the hands of
Mr. W. F. Glascock a gentleman residing
in Oakland - I am afraid however there
is no property of any kind belonging to the
Estate of Mr. James F. Calhoun - I had
a conversation with Mr. Crane, who states
the debt you mentioned was merely to
grain title, as there was some defect in
a conveyance made by Mr Calhoun.

Should Mr Glascock find it necessary I
will take out letters of administration as
I am also his Creditor - But as I said above
I fear there is nothing, the last few months
of Mr Calhoun's life were very sad - a
few of his Southern friends contributing to
his support.

I should need them in case of any property I can
do so. -

Now for yourself what are you engaged in, sleep -
Are you ever here to commence work again -
My sympathies in the war, were never with the North
or South; in my humble opinion both were equally wrong
and in 1861. I wrote to my Southern friends they had
better make the best bargain they could, for once the
City of Freedom was made a party city, it would bring
and twenty millions were sure to ship fire -
I have been treated as a traitor for not coinciding
with the ultra party - and my correspondence has
ceased with my old friends of the North. However I
survive, and never had better health - I have been
also prosperous, not a large fortune but sufficient
for my wants, I reside about two miles from Oakland
have a small pretty place - The climate agrees with
me - The cold of the Northern winter would be too
severe for me, and I have not fortune enough to live

The Sonora and Sinaloa surveying expedition
has been a complete failure, first thro'
the bad faith of Capt. Stone, and then
by the inattention of Mr. Falkner; I was
unfortunately one of the victims to the
loss of nearly \$20,000 in Gold: Mr. Dyer
who was interested with me, was in the
Atlantic States, but I have nothing en-
couraging as to the result - The farming
sector has been in receipt of it & said
of millions partly on account of this said
survey, and was indirectly the cause
of Maximilian being placed on the
throne of Mexico. -

Lepold Reiss was for some time tutor in
the family of J. Ross Brown; but I have
not heard of him for the past few months.
Reiss wants capacity to make money.

Sudge Hastings visits between Europe
and California, very frequently I am told
but rather a hard subject - has been un-
fortunate in his sons - I wish to know more
with them I do not know. -

Be pleased to send me the names of
the heirs of Jas E. Colburn, in full
so that if

without employment in Europe.

I will take every means to find out if there
is anything off Galhorns, property has been so much
stolen may be some that may be worth looking after.
But it is a bare probability.

Have you a large family?
I'll tell all about myself, and with kind regards
I am

Very Dear Sir

Yours. old friend
J. M. M. M.

I have now
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